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METHODS OF CONTROLLING CELL DIFFERENTIATION AND

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## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2005, please reconsider the claims in the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.